(a) whether the Doordarshan plans to set up low power earth stations in all major cities/towns by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the progress made in this direction, till date·

(c) whether the Doordarshan is financially strong to carry out its plan in stipulated time; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to meet financial resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, at present satellite uplinking facility is available at 23 Doordarshan Centres.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Performance of ongoing Projects of AIR/Doordarshan in Maharashtra

846. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received the performance of ongoing projects of Doordarshan/ AIR and other infrastructure Network in Maharashtra in terms of physical and financial targets set and achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the past three years, year-wise alongwith reasons for slow progress;

(c) the details of new proposals received from the State Government; and

(d) the details of action proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) It has been informed by Prasar Bharti that progress of implementation of ongoing projects of AIR and Doordarshan in different parts of the country including Maharashtra is being reviewed regularly.

(b) Progress of implementation of AIR and Doordarshan projects in Maharashtra during the last 3 years of 9th Plan has generally been satisfactory. Doordarshan has commissioned 3 studio and 28 Transmitter projects during the 9th Plan period. However, AIR had targeted only Mumbai 2nd FM Channel for commissioning during the last 3 years. The project is now ready for commissioning. The details of progress of ongoing projects of AIR and Doordarshan are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Requests for setting up of new Radio Stations and TV Transmitters are received from time to time from various quarters including Chief Minister and other Ministers of Govt. of Maharashtra. During the last one year, such requests have been received for setting up of TV transmitters at Sindhudurg, Kankauli, Changhad, Mamgrulpir, Mahipatgarh and Latur and setting up of a FM Radio Station at Latur. These requests have been noted for consideration in the subsequent expansion plans of AIR and Doordarshan, subject to the availability of adequate financial resources and inter-se periorities.

Statements

ALL INDIA RADIO

S. N.	Project	Target for Commissioning
1.	Second FM Channels in Mumbai Being	Commissioned
2.	Nagpur—300 kW MW Tr. (repl. of 100 kW MW Tr.)	2001-2002
3.	Oros-LRS with 1 kW MW Tr., Studio & S/Qtrs.	2001-2002
4.	Amravati—LRS with 10 kW FM Tr.	2001-2002
5.	Ratnagiri—20kW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20kW MW Tr.)	2000-2001

DOORDARSHAN

S.No.	Project	Target for Commissioning
1.	Chandrapur (HPT)	2001-2002
2.	Jalgaon (HPT)	2001-2002
3.	Nagpur (DDII) (HPT)	2000
4.	Ratnagiri (HPT)	2001-2002
5.	Bhamragad (LPT)	2000-2001
6.	Daryapur (LPT)	2000-2001
7.	Dhadgaon (LPT)	2000-2001
8.	Raver (LPT)	2000-2001
9.	Nasik (DD II) (LPT)	2001
10.	Sholapur (DDII) (LPT)	2001
11.	Ambet (VLPT)	2000-2001
12.	Sakoli (VLPT)	2000-2001